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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THURSDAY NYTIMES FRONTPAGED FINNEY WASHINGTON, SOVIET SAID TO USE GUINEA TO OBSERVE US SHIPPING; FRIDAY PAPERS FEATURED FORD SWORN IN; SATURDAY PAPERS SAID EGYPT WILL JOIN GENEVA PEACE TALKS; SUNDAY PAPERS FEATURED NIXON'S FINANCES; MONDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGED US MAY AID UNCLASSIFIED

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DUTCH ON OIL; NYTIMES FRONTPAGED ARMY WILL SPEND 200 MILLIONS FOR SAFER TYPE OF NERVE GAS. TUESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE US-FRENCH CLASH AT NATO.

1A. RECENT INSIDE STORIES INCLUDED: DOUGLAS-HOME SAYS SOVIET TIES BACK TO NORMAL; ALSO SOVIET PAPERS ATTACK WEST IN CHILLY TONES; UN ADOPTS SOVIET PLAN TO CUT ARMS TO AID POOR NATIONS; SOVIET-US AGREE TO SHIFTING HOTLINE TO SATELLITES THIS FALL.

1B. ALSO INSIDE: NATO ALLIES ASSURES US OF AID IN PAYING TROOP COSTS, THOUGH DECISION NOT YET SUPPORTED BY HARD CASH; KISSINGER URGES NEW NATO VISION, BEGINS BRUSSELS NATO

TALKS; SECURITY PARLEY PINPOINTS ISSUES, TALKS NOT YET AT NEGOTIATING STAGE; ARMS PARLEY SPLITS NIXON ADMINISTRATION. TUESDAY NYTIMES REPORTS KISSINGER IS STAR AT NATO; PAPERS REPORT KISSINGER ENVOY IN OSLO AVOIDS SNOWBALLING PROTESTERS OF NOBEL AWARD; BALTSUN KEAT WASHINGTON REPORTS THREAT AGAINST KISSINGER HAS PROMPTED UNUSUALLY TIGHT SECURITY ON CURRENT EUROPEAN TRIP.

2. BRUSSELS STORIES. NYTIMES FLORA LEWIS REPORTS KISSINGER JOBERT CLASHED OPENLY OVER WHETHER IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND SOVIET UNION UNDERMINED SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE, JOBERT CITING AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AS CALLING INTO QUESTION THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR GUARANTEES TO WESTERN EUROPE AND SAYING HIS POINT WAS PROVED BY US PLACING ITS FORCES ON WORLD-WIDE PRECAUTIONARY ALERT WITHOUT INFORMING ITS NATO ALLIES. LEWIS SAYS KISSINGER REPLIED, REJECTING JOBERT'S APPROACH AS MISREPRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT AND MAINTAINING AGREEMENT ENHANCED RATHER THAN DIMINISHED US COMMITMENT TO HELP DEFEND EUROPE. LEWIS REPORTS THAT LATER FONMINS PRODUCED A CONSENSUS THAT NEW, MUCH BROADER AND MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF BRINGING THE ALLIES TOGETHER ON HANDLING OF CRISES MUST BE QUICKLY INTRODUCED, LEWIS ADDING BOTH KISSINGER AND DOUGLAS-HOME FEEL THESE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD COVER TROUBLE SPOTS OUTSIDE NATO TERRITORY. LEWIS SAYS KISSINGER JOBERT KNOW EACH OTHER WELL  
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AND ENJOY JOUSTING IN PRIVATE AND DELEGATES TOOK SHARP EXCHANGE AS CLEARING THE AIR; AND MANY DELEGATES CONSIDERED KISSINGER'S FIRST NATO SPEECH CONSTRUCTIVE.

2A. WASHPOST BERGER STRESSES KISSINGER SOUGHT TO REPAIR NATO SPLIT WITH AN ESSENTIALLY CONCILIATORY SPEECH IN WHICH HE AFFIRMED THAT THE BASIC INTERESTS OF US AND ITS WESTERN ALLIES ARE ABSOLUTELY INDIVISIBLE, THEREBY SURPRISING EUROPEANS EXPECTING HIM TO TAKE A TOUGH LINE AGAINST THEM FOR THEIR REFUSAL TO SUPPORT US POLICY DURING MIDEAST WAR. BERGER REPORTS KISSINGER'S QUESTIONS, INCLUDING: CAN WE REMAIN ALLIES OR WILL WE DRIFT INTO BECOMING COMPETITORS? BERGER SAYS SECRETARY'S APPEAL FOR UNIFIED APPROACH ON OIL MET WITH LITTLE ENTHUSIASM.

2B. BALTSUN OISHI REPORTS SHARP KISSINGER JOBERT EX-CHANGE BROKE SURFACE HARMONY OF NATO MEETING, ADDING KISSINGER'S APPEALS FOR REDEFINING ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN LIGHT OF GROWING EUROPEAN UNITY AND AFFLUENCE APPEARED TO BE RECEIVED WELL, AND JOBERT WAS ONLY EXPRESSING OUT LOUD THE CONCERNS OF MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OVER AMERICA'S FAILURE TO INFORM IS ALLIES IN ADVANCE OF MILITARY ALERT.

OISHI REPORTS KISSINGER CONVEYED A NIXON PLEDGE THAT US COMMITMENT REMAINS INTACT ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT PRESENT USUAL LETTER ASSURING THAT US WILL NOT UNILATERALLY PULL TROOPS FROM EUROPE, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF RECENT LEGISLATION ON BURDEN-SHARING, BUT KISSINGER HIMSELF DIDN'T GO INTO SUCH DEMANDS. OISHI ADDS OTHER FONMINS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE AMERICAN REQUIREMENTS. OISHI SAYS LUNS ANTICIPATED REMARKS OF SEVERAL IN WARNING AGAINST THE GROWING SOVIET MILITARY MIGHT.

2C. MONDAY WASHSTAR O'LEARY STRESSED KISSINGER REPORT-EDLY ADVISED BRITISH FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN FONMINS AGAINST TRYING TO OBTAIN SPECIAL ADVANTAGES FOR THEMSELVES FROM THE ARABS IN ENERGY CRISIS AT EXPENSE OF NATO UNITY, REMINDING HIS COLLEAGUES US IS ONLY NATION WITH LEVERAGE ON ISRAEL IN PEACE TALKS, O'LEARY CITING BRITISH SOURCES.

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3. TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE, TOWARD SUMMIT OF TRUTH, QUOTES A TOP-RANKING AMERICAN DIPLOMAT SAYING: AT COPENHAGEN SUMMIT, EUROPE WILL MAKE ITS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, ARTICLE ADDING THAT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES EXPECTED FROM EUROPEAN SUMMIT MAY ONE DAY BE CONSIDERED AS SYMBOLICALLY IMPORTANT TO EUROPEANS AS OUR 1776 DECLARATION. TIME DAYS EUROPEANS, OFTEN VEXED BY THEIR DEPENDENCE ON US, HAVE NEVER BEEN QUITE SO ANNOYED AS TO AGREE ON COMMON POLICIES- TROUBLED BY OIL SHORTAGE, ARTICLE SAYS, EUROPEANS ARE OUTRAGED THAT NONE HAS BEEN INVITED TO MIDEAST PEACE CONFERENCE AND THEY DISTRUST SUPERPOWER DETENTE. ARTICLE SAYS AMERICAN TAXPAYERS HAVE LONG BEEN FORCED TO BEAR A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NATO DEFENSE, ADDING THAT A UNITED WESTERN EUROPE WITH ACCEPTED LEADERSHIP AND COHERENT POLICY COULD BE A WORLD POWER BUT THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WESTERN EUROPE HAS FAILED TO ACHIEVE. NEWSWEEK HAS NOTHING PERTINENT.

4. SALT. SUNDAY NYTIMES HAD GELB WASHINGTON STRESSING SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES CONTINUE TO EXIST WITHIN ADMINISTRATION ON FUTURE OF SALT AS VARIOUS SEGMENTS STRUGGLE, AND MULTIPLICITY OF AGENCIES INVOLVED IS A MAJOR PROBLEM BUT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES WITHIN EACH OF NINE AGENCIES, IN-

CLUDING GENEVA DELEGATION. GELB SAID ISSUES OF EQUALITY AND STABILITY ARE BEING BROUGHT TO HEAD IN DRAFT OF PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL WORLD REPORT PREPARED BY PENTAGON AND INTERAGENCY VERIFICATION PANEL, GELB SAYING PENTAGON STRESSES ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCE ON STRICTLY NUMERICAL BASIS;

SOME OTHERS STRESS GENERAL OVER-ALL EQUALITY, GELB ADDING THAT ON STABILITY PENTAGON IS CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIETS USING STRATEGIC SUPERIORITY TO EXTRACT POLITICAL CONCESSIONS. STATE DEPARTMENT LESS WORRIED. GELB SAYS IN SEPTEMBER SOVIETS PUT FORWARD DRAFT TREATY IN RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS OF SPRING, AND WIDE VARIETY OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS DESCRIBE SOVIET DRAFT AS OUTRAGEOUS, YET RUSSIANS ARE WAITING FOR A RESPONSE WHICH IS BEING DELAYED BY WATERGATE AND MIDEAST CRISIS.

5. CSCE. MONDAY NYTIMES GENEVA SPECIAL REPORTS DELEGATES ARE BEGINNING TO PACK BAGS AS RECESS APPROACHES ON FRIDAY. UNCLASSIFIED

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500 MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS HAVE SERVED ONLY TO GIVE DIPLOMATS A CLEAR VISION OF GAPS. "NOW DIFFERENCES ARE RECOGNIZED AND FREELY ADMITTED," SAID DELEGATION LEADER OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY CONCERNING GROUND COVERED SINCE SEPTEMBER START, ADDING "OPENNESS OF DISCUSSION HAS SHOWN JUST HOW DIFFICULT IT WILL BE TO RECONCILE POSITIONS TO GET AGREED FINAL TEXTS NOT COMPLETELY EMPTIED OF SUBSTANCE." US HAS MAINTAINED LOW PROFILE, ADVANCING NO PROPOSALS OF ITS OWN, AND IS ONLY DELEGATION WHOSE LE

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